



# Helpers of God's Precious Infants

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Greetings to All the Helpers of God's Precious Infants Throughout the World,

It has been my distinct pleasure to join with some of you on the Sunday weekly Zoom conference calls since April of this year. I have enjoyed hearing from those on the call, and I have heard from people throughout the United States, Canada, England, Albania, and even Australia. As I am not able to travel as much as I used to; this has been a good way for me to stay in touch with the Helpers from all over the world. I would like to invite any reader of this newsletter to join us on the call. I would particularly like to thank my nephew, Philip Moore for his efforts in facilitating these calls every week, and my niece Susan Moore for her technical assistance. One thing I am hearing very often on these calls is the difficulties you Helpers are encountering in various cities. The Helpers in the Chicago area have been harassed by city officials and are prevented by extremely zealous escorts from talking with women entering the abortion mills for more than a few seconds. In Canada, where there is no law covering abortion at all, Helpers are prevented from getting within 50 feet of the facility. In Britain, several city councils have prevented the Helpers from getting anywhere near the abortion businesses as well. In some parts of Australia there are bubble zones of up to 500 hundred feet. My advice to you in the face of these difficulties is to keep praying no matter how far the authorities keep you away. This will lead to people asking you why you are praying where you are. You can then explain to them that there is an abortion business however far away and that you are there praying for the unborn. These actions on behalf of the abortion industry shows that the "pro-choice" slogan was just that. The only choice the abortion advocates want is abortion. They greatly fear that any woman will talk with the Helpers and then choose life for their unborn child. If any woman chooses life who is considering abortion, it is not only bad for their bottom line, but it also disproves the lie that the pro-abortion movement has based itself on for many, many years namely that without abortion on demand women can never be equal to men. While it is true that in many cases it will be difficult for woman to keep their child or to give it up for adoption, there are thousands of pregnancy help centers throughout the world ready willing and able to give all the help any woman needs to choose life. The abortion advocates are constantly spouting off in the press that pro-lifers "only care about the baby". Nothing can be further from the truth. Some of these same advocates are denigrating pregnancy centers as "fake health clinics" and urging law makers to regulate these centers out of business. In New York State a law was passed requiring pregnancy centers to mount large signs in their offices telling any prospective client that they do not perform abortions. They are also required to state that that they are not medical facilities. They have never claimed that they are. This law is being challenged on free speech grounds. Similar laws were passed in California with the additional requirement that the pregnancy centers have a sign showing the directions to the nearest abortion facility. Thankfully, this law was challenged and was ruled unconstitutional by the Supreme Court. That has not stopped other states and localities from passing similar laws. Does anyone else find it interesting that when the cases Roe vs. Wade and Doe vs. Bolton were decided every law in any way restricting abortions was stuck down, but when the Court rules in favor of life as in this case and in the case of some bubble zone laws, in many cases the Court is ignored? Thank you for doing all that you do to promote the Culture of Life, even under such constrains.

## ***Amy Coney Barrett vs. Ruth Bader Ginsburg***

Recently President Donald Trump nominated, and the Senate confirmed Judge Amy Coney Barrett to the Supreme Court. Justice Barrett will replace Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg who died of cancer earlier this year. Justice Barrett is a wife and mother of seven children, two of whom are adopted and one of whom has Downs Syndrome. Justice Ginsburg was a wife and mother of two children. Justice Ginsburg, known to many of her ardent supporters as the “Notorious RBG”, was a vociferous proponent of abortion on demand. She stated many times in interviews that women would never be equal to men without the option of legal abortion. Justice Ginsburg felt that the Constitution was “a living document” which could and should be altered to fit the changing needs of the times. She also had some eugenic leanings, stating in one interview that without legal abortion “we would have too many people of the kind we do not want too many of” such as the poor and the disabled. Justice Barrett, a former law clerk for Justice Antonin Scalia, holds to the originalist view of the Constitution. In her view the Constitution should be interpreted as it was written, with as close to the understanding of those who wrote it as possible. Justice Barrett has written that abortion is a “barbaric” practice which indeed it is. She is living proof that stellar achievements, as was Justice Ginsburg, are possible for women without having to resort to abortion. Justice Barrett and Justice Ginsburg rose to heights of their profession while remaining loving wives and mothers. The idea that women cannot be equal with men without abortion is a fallacy. How does the killing on one’s own child help any woman? Indeed, it is very harmful to the vast majority women who have experienced an abortion. I have seen the harm it has caused the countless women I have encountered on the sidewalk over the years. The Helpers must be there for that woman both before and after they enter the abortion mill. The facility she enters only wants her money and will not in any way support her after the procedure is over. The Helpers must be there for her if she does make the tragic decision with information on post abortion healing. We show that very vulnerable woman the love of Christ and try to assure her that God can and will forgive her.

## ***The Abortion Pill***

I have been asked to write something on the “abortion pill”. This is a misnomer as actually more than one pill is taken. This chemical abortion regimen is supposed to be performed only very early in pregnancy, no later than ten weeks gestation. The first dose is given to the woman to kill her child, and four doses are to be taken the next day at the home of the woman to expel the dead child. The woman is told that that “there may be some bleeding and cramping” but there is much more to it than that. Anyone who has seen the movie “Unplanned”, which had a scene showing what takes place in these types of abortions, will know what I am referring to. There is much heavy bleeding and when the dead child is expelled it is harrowing for the mother. Abortion businesses around the world are ramping up procurement of these lethal pills many reasons. It is much cheaper to sell these pills to a woman than to pay a doctor to perform a medical abortion. The pills can be dispensed with a minimum of interference from parents or boyfriends who may object. In many cases they do not merit a medical exam although they should. They can be prescribed via “tele medicine” phone calls without the patient even seeing a doctor. In fact, in the United Kingdom during the COVID-19 crises, these pills were mailed to anyone wishing them, without any consultation from a doctor. This is a dangerous practice. If the woman is farther along in her pregnancy than at first thought, these pills can lead to the death of not only the unborn baby, but the mother herself as well. Fortunately, there is a chance to reverse this process if only the first pill has been taken. If any woman is experiencing regrets about this procedure before taking the second dosage any doctor who belongs to the Abortion Pill Reversal Network may be able to help them. The Abortion Pill Reversal Network are a group of about 800

doctors specializing in reversing the effects of these pills. These doctors will prescribe progesterone. If administered within 72 hours of taking the first abortion drug the progesterone will offset the effects of the abortion drug and has a 68 per cent chance of saving the baby. I urge anyone going to the abortion mills to carry information on the abortion pill reversal with them. The Culture of Death marches on, but the Helpers will try to combat it at every opportunity.

### ***Ironies***

When I look back on my long career of spreading “The Gospel of Life” all over the world, I am struck by the many changes in attitudes of the abortion advocates from the late 1960s to today. In the late 1960s, we were told that if abortion were not legalized, literally thousands of women would die from procuring illegal abortions from unscrupulous “back alley” doctors or performing them on themselves. This was of course a lie, a statistic made up out of whole cloth by the abortion movement as later revealed by Dr. Bernard Nathanson after he became pro-life. Now we have laws being passed in many states including my home state of New York not requiring a medical license to perform an abortion. A nurse practitioner is legally allowed to perform abortions. As for performing abortions on themselves, how is handing abortion pills to women by mail or tele medicine any different? As for unscrupulous doctors, how many women have died and will continue to at the hands of infamous abortionists such Leroy Carhart, Steven Chase Brigham, or James Pendergraft before they are stopped? Where is the great concern for women I heard so many years ago? In truth it was never about the women. It was all about the killing of the unborn either for convenience (largely the convenience of men) or for some misguided notion of a world with too many people, especially the “people we don’t want to many of”. The Helpers will continue to fight for the lives of the unborn wherever and whenever those lives are in danger.

### ***Schedule of Vigil Masses from January 2021 to June 2021***

<i><b>Date</b></i>	<i><b>Church</b></i>	<i><b>Abortion Site</b></i>
January 16, 2021	Saint Catherine of Genoa 520 Linden Blvd, Brooklyn	Kings County Hospital 451 Clarkson Ave
February 20, 2021	Saint Paul and Saint Agnes 234 Congress Street, Brooklyn	Planned Parenthood 44 Court Street
March 20, 2021	Our Lady of Queen of Martyrs 11006 Queens Blvd, Queens	All Women’s Medical 120-34 Queens Blvd.
April 17, 2021	Saint James Cathedral 250 Cathedral Place, Brooklyn	Brooklyn Abortion Clinic 14 DeKalb Avenue
May 22, 2021	Saint Paul and Saint Agnes 234 Congress Street, Brooklyn	Planned Parenthood 44 Court Street
June 26, 2021	Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary 88-19 Parsons Boulevard, Queens	Choices 147-32 Jamaica Avenue

## *News and Notes*

On July 1, 2020 I was delighted to attend the consecration of Father Kevin J. Sweeney as the eighth Bishop of the Diocese of Patterson, New Jersey. As many of you know Bishop Sweeney is a Helper and a former student of mine at Cathedral Prep. Bishop Sweeney began his career as a Helper by becoming a prayer at the Choices abortion facility while he was still in high school. He was ordained a priest in 1997 by Bishop Thomas V. Daily of happy memory. Bishop Sweeney mentioned that I was celebrating my 60<sup>th</sup> year of priesthood in his closing remarks at the consecration and many of the priests and Bishops there stopped by to congratulate me. It was also very gratifying to see some of my colleagues from Cathedral Prep there as well, as Bishop Sweeney acknowledged our contributions to his discernment to the priesthood. Speaking of my 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary, in June over 50 people got on the Zoom call to congratulate me on this milestone. I saw and heard from the Sister Adorers of the Precious Blood, whom I was chaplain for over 25 years, the Sister Servants of the Lord, of whom I ministered as well, and Fr. Chris Bea of Boston who attend many pro-life retreats I gave at the Monastery. Also, on the call was Fr. Liam McDonald an outstanding pro-life priest from the Diocese of Rockville Center, Fred Trabulsi of the Life Center of New York, Fred Marks, the author of “Pro-Life Champion: The Untold Story of Msgr. Philip Reilly and the Helpers of God’s Precious Infants”, and Philip Hanrahan from Australia. Again, I am extremely grateful to my nephew Philip Moore and my niece Susan Moore for making this event possible. I would also like to thank all those who wrote to me congratulating me on my 60th anniversary. I received many cards, letters, and treats for which I am extremely grateful. On June 17, 2020 Virginia Evers died at age 99. In 1974 Virginia saw a picture of a doctor holding the feet of an unborn baby of ten weeks gestation. The picture haunted her. She was convinced that these “precious feet” must somehow be seen by everyone, so she created the Precious Feet pro-life lapel pin that many Helpers and others wear to promote the culture of life. Only God knows how many lives were saved by people seeing these pins and inquiring about them. Virginia went on to found Heritage House, a pro-life store with all kinds of information and pro-life products. May she rest in peace. It is with great sorrow that I report the death of Bernadette Harris a supporter of the Helpers for many years. Bernadette had a wonderfully vivacious personality and brought much joy to those with whom she was in contact. She was involved in many other Catholic apostolates besides the Helpers. She informed me that she had sent a copy of “Pro Life Champion” to President and Mrs. Trump. She will be greatly missed. I ask for your prayers for the repose of her soul and for her dear sister Gerry Forstrom with whom she had lived for the last several years. I also would like to ask for your prayers for Chuck Hanuss a long time Helper from Queens who is recovering from surgery, Dr. Majlinda Thompson another long time Helper originally from Albania, but now living in England who experiencing a difficult pregnancy, Julie McGreevy a long time Helper from Chicago who is ill and Mary Doran, another Helper of many years from Queens who is recovering from a fall and is living in a rehabilitation facility. In closing I wish the blessings of the birth of the Christ child to you and your families.

Until We Meet at Calvary,

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If you would like spend time with Msgr. Reilly, we have 2PM EST conference call set up for every Sunday.

Join Zoom Meeting Meeting ID: 547 712 704

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